

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous color, effect, or color and effect coating material which is free from rheological aids based on phyllosilicates, ~~and comprises comprising:~~

(A) at least one polyurethane which is ~~of~~ water-soluble, water-dilutable, and water-dispersible, ~~polyurethanes, of a combination thereof, wherein said polyurethane is selected from the group consisting of~~ ionically stabilized polyurethanes based on polyisocyanates; ionically and nonionically stabilized polyurethanes based on polyisocyanates; ionically stabilized polyurethanes based on polyisocyanates and grafted with olefinically unsaturated compounds; and ionically and nonionically stabilized polyurethanes based on polyisocyanates and which are grafted with olefinically unsaturated compounds; ~~are ionically or ionically and nonionically stabilized and are based on~~

wherein the polyisocyanates are selected from the group consisting of aliphatic polyisocyanates, cycloaliphatic polyisocyanates, aliphatic-cycloaliphatic polyisocyanates, aromatic polyisocyanates, aliphatic-aromatic polyisocyanates, and cycloaliphatic-aromatic polyisocyanates, and a combination thereof;

(B) at least one ~~of a color~~ pigment, effect pigment, or color and an effect pigment;

(C) at least one dispersing assistant for the color pigment, effect pigment, and/or color and effect pigments, selected from the group consisting of ~~comprising the~~ reaction products of;

(c1) at least one functionalized copolymer comprising: containing

(c11) at least one copolymerized olefinically unsaturated monomer ~~selected from the group consisting of olefinically unsaturated monomers containing comprising~~ at least one reactive

functional group selected from the group consisting of isocyanate groups, anhydride groups and epoxy groups; and

(c12) at least one copolymerized olefinically unsaturated monomer which is free from isocyanate-, anhydride- and epoxy-reactive functional groups;

(c2) at least one homopolymeric polyalkylene glycol, and

(c3) at least one compound of the general formula I:



in which the variables R are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atoms and organic, saturated and unsaturated, substituted and unsubstituted, aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aliphatic-cycloaliphatic, aromatic, aliphatic-aromatic and cycloaliphatic-aromatic radicals which may contain at least one amino group -NH-, at least one oxygen atom -O- and/or at least one sulfur atom -S- and/or may be cyclically linked to one another, at least one organic radical R being present and the radical R or at least one of the radicals R containing at least one reactive functional group selected from the group consisting of isocyanate-, anhydride- and epoxy-reactive groups; and

(D) at least one rheological aid based on (meth)acrylate copolymers.

2. (Currently Amended) The coating material as ~~elaimed in~~ of claim 1, which is curable by ~~at least one of thermally or thermally~~ and with actinic radiation.

3. (Currently Amended) The coating material as ~~elaimed in~~ of claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of a one-component system, a two-component system, and a multicomponent systems.

4. (Currently Amended) The coating material as ~~elaimed in~~ of claim 1, wherein the at least one effect pigments (B) ~~are~~ is selected from the group consisting of

organic and inorganic, colored and achromatic, optical-effect, electrically conductive, magnetically shielding, and fluorescent pigments and mixtures thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one color pigments (B) ~~are is~~ selected from the group consisting of organic and inorganic pigments.

6. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1, further comprising pigments (B) selected from the group consisting of extending, rheology control, scratchproofing, corrosion-protective, transparent, and hiding pigments and mixtures thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one rheological aid (D) ~~is comprises~~ a salts of polyacrylic acid.

8. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1, further comprising at least one crosslinking agent, at least one organic solvent, at least one neutralizing agent, and at least one organic or inorganic coatings additive.

9. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ claim 8, wherein the at least one organic or inorganic coatings additive is selected from the group consisting of non-(A) binders curable thermally and/or with actinic radiation, reactive diluents for the thermal curing or actinic radiation curing, UV absorbers, light stabilizers, free-radical scavengers, free-radical polymerization initiators, thermal crosslinking catalysts, photoinitiators and photoco-initiators, slip additives, polymerization inhibitors, defoamers, emulsifiers, wetting agents, dispersants, adhesion promoters, leveling agents, film-forming auxiliaries, non-(D) rheology control additives (thickeners) with the exception of phyllosilicates, flame retardants, siccatives, dryers, antiskinning agents, corrosion inhibitors, waxes, and flattening agents and mixtures thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) A single-coat color/ and/or effect paint system comprising the coating material ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) A substrate comprising the The-coating-single-coat color and/or effect paint system of as-claimed-in claim 10, wherein the coating material is used to coat a substrate selected from the group consisting of motor vehicle bodies and parts thereof, the interior and exterior of motor vehicles, interior and exterior architecture, doors, windows, furniture, hollow glassware, small parts, coils, containers, packaging, electrical components, and white goods and combinations thereof.

12. (Currently Amended) A multicoat color and/or effect paint system comprising comprising the coating material as-claimed-of in claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) A substrate comprising the The-coating-multicoat color and/or effect paint system of as-claimed-in claim 12, wherein the coating is used to coat a substrate selected from the group consisting of motor vehicle bodies and parts thereof, the interior and exterior of motor vehicles, interior and exterior architecture, doors, windows, furniture, hollow glassware, small parts, coils, containers, packaging, electrical components, and white goods and combinations thereof.